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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL VISITS TO DISCUSS RHODESIA

1. FONMIN HILGARD MULLER LEFT CAPE TOWN LAST NIGHT ENROUTE TO LONDON. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, HE WOULD NOT SAY EXPLICITLY THAT HE GOING THERE TO DISCUSS RHODESIAN SITUATION WITH BRITISH. HOWEVER, HE CLEARLY IMPLIED AS MUCH. SAID HE WOULD BE GONE TEN DAYS BUT WOULD NOT REVEAL WHERE ELSE HE MIGHT BE GOING, ALTHOUGH IT OBVIOUSLY UNLIKELY HE WOULD BE IN LONDON FOR MORE THAN A FEW DAYS. AS OF TODAY, MULLER'S DEPARTURE AND TRIP TO LONDON HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTS RUMORS OF PROJECTED VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA BY MARK CHONA, POLITICAL ADVISOR OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON JAN 15 REPORTS CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT CHONA IS TO HAVE TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER

WITHIN A WEEK.

3. SAG HAS CONFIRMED THAT MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND INFORMATION MULDER WILL VISIT SALISBURY FOR THREE DAYS BEGINNING JAN 21. MULDER'S OFFICE DESCRIBED VISIT AS "ROUTINE," BUT TIMING OF VISIT HAS FUELED SPECULATION THAT MULDER TRIP IS ANOTHER STEP IN SOUTH AFRICAN EFFORTS TO PUSH SETTLEMENT OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM. HURD

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